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Connected Rural Schools Act

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Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Mar 10, 2021)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 10, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2099	Related bill	May 26, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
117 S 435	Related bill	Feb 24, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Summary (as of Mar 10, 2021)

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This bill authorizes counties to use funds from the Secure Rural Schools Program to provide or expand access to (1) broadband services at local schools, or (2) technology and connectivity necessary for students to use digital learning tools outside of a local school campus.

Actions Timeline

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